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We debt our "best hat" to the following friends who have either become new subscribers or who have renewed their subscription to the COURIER since our last issue. May heaven bless 'em:

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Joe Budel.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the board of directors of the Missouri Central Electric Railroad Co. will be held in the parlors of the Price hotel in Glasgow, Mo., Tuesday, March 12, 1906, for the election of officers and the transacting of any and all business appearing.

GEO. B. HARRISON, Pres.
Attest: HOWARD ELLIS, Sec

If you want to see and enjoy the good things of this life, call on Dr. L. O. McKee, the eye specialist, at the Brown hotel Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 28 and March 1 and 2. At Dr. Kirkpatrick's office in Dalton Thursday and Wednesday, February 26 and 27.

State Hist. Society PROCEEDINGS.

Regular February, 1907, Term.

Through an oversight the following proceedings, in addition to those already published in the last two issues of the COURIER, were omitted last week:

In the matter of drainage district No. 6: G. W. Rucker, clerk of road district No. 1 in Brunswick township, presents an account for \$18 against said drainage district No. 6, which is allowed in favor of said road district No. 1.

In the matter of drainage district No. 4: Ordered that the Hummer Construction Co. be and is hereby allowed to construct that portion of drainage district No. 4 from stations 311 to 319, inclusive, with slips instead of with a dredging machine for the reason that it is impracticable to do said work with dredging machinery, said work by slips to be done under the supervision and with the approval of T. O. Stanley, civil engineer, the dimensions of this portion of said drainage ditch to be in accordance with the original contract.

J. W. Wayland, recorder of deeds, presents the appointment of Mary Wayland as deputy recorder, which said appointment is examined, approved and ordered filed.

The court, proceeding to select petit jurors to serve at the May, 1907, term of circuit court at Keytesville, doth select the following named persons to serve as such jurors, to-wit:

PETIT JURORS.

NAMES.	TOWNSHIPS.
C. R. Billeter	Bee Branch
Andy J. Coy	Bowling Green
T. H. Carskadon	Bowling Green
W. H. Glover	Brunswick
L. H. Herring	Brunswick
F. C. Gebhardt	Chariton
S. H. Knott	Clark
J. T. Robinson	Cockrell
Jos. Welch	Cockrell
T. S. Milford	Cunningham
Joe Budel	Keytesville
W. R. Dotson	Keytesville
W. E. Heisel	Mendon
R. W. Goll	Missouri
J. W. Ellis	Mussel Fork
J. R. Callison	Salisbury
C. S. Cravens	Salisbury
Chris Gladbach, Sr.	Salt Creek
Frank Biggs	Triplett
Frank W. Fleetwood	Triplett
P. L. Dunn	Wayland
J. C. Cash	Wayland
Wm. Holman	Yellow Creek
Walter Bushnell	Yellow Creek

ALLOWANCES.

J. M. Wilbrite, medicines for paupers at poorfarm, \$4.35.

M. Neal, supplies to county poorfarm, \$7.

Blair Miller & Co., supplies to county jail, \$18.35.

J. D. Brummall, supplies to judges at November, 1906, election, \$1.65.

W. D. Vaughan, supplies to county jail, \$4.85; supplies to courthouse, \$2.50; supplies to county bridge commissioner, \$10.40; supplies to poorfarm, 90 cts. Total, \$18.65.

Worrell Manufacturing Co., supplies to county jail, \$49.

R. T. Moorehead, services and mileage as county judge from December 8, 1906, to February 8, 1907, \$48.

J. A. Goll, same from January 7, 1907, to February 8, 1907, \$32.40.

A. S. Taylor, same, \$30.

For Sale!

Your choice of one-half of the invoice of Halley's racket stock. Will move the other half out of town. Come in and let's make a quick deal before March 1. HALLEY'S RACKET.

Notes from the State Capital.

If these notes shall prove dry and uninteresting, chuck them in the waste basket. Our aim is to let all see what we are doing here, as nearly as we can, and we can do this by sending a letter to the COURIER, for the reason that we have little time to answer letters personally. We hope our friends will bear with us if we do not reply to each letter, for we are kept so busy with other matters that we do not have time. We work 10 hours a day and sometimes half the night, and then can't catch up. Here, as in other bodies where many are working together, all do not do their part and this means double work for others. Speaker Atkinson is almost worked down, and as the session advances his labors grow heavier all the time. He is not a man of robust health, or great physical strength, and these make his position all the more trying. It is hard to forecast the result of the session, but from the present outlook we hope for some wise and beneficial legislation in the interest of the people. In trying to do too much the danger is we will accomplish little.

The house has had its working clothes on all this week, and held two sessions every day, including Saturday, except Monday. Gradually we are falling behind with the calendar and visions of night sessions are looming up on the horizon. There is talk of the usual steering committee to sort out the best and most important bills and push them through without regard to others, but this, while often done, is always unpopular for the reason each man thinks his own bills most important. Chariton's representative is so much interested in good roads and school textbook bills, that he would be willing to make any sacrifice of his own measures to insure the passage of these. The usual talk of a special session to clean up the calendars in both houses is being indulged in, but there is little probability of it at this time. If all the members would make up their minds to stay here and work six hours each working day of the week, much more could be accomplished, but it is folly to expect this. There are time-killers here as elsewhere, and a legislative millennium need not be expected.

Owing to the bad weather in January and the first part of this month, the writer has been unable to get over town to any extent, and so far has seen but little of Jefferson City, and now that work has piled up mountain high, there will be no opportunity to send in any letters descriptive of the town, but one thing we can mention is the new supreme court building for we pass by it every day. It is built of red brick, trimmed with white stone, and, when completed, will be a beauty. It is located on High street, some 300 yards west of the capitol building, and is a magnificent structure that any one must admire that can appreciate the builder's art. It will require a considerable appropriation to complete and furnish it, but when ready for occupation it will be a palace for the judges. The old building is a dingy gray and does not inspire state pride or enthusiasm. When vacated it will be used for office and storage purposes. Several shoe factories have been opened up outside the state prison and this may well be called a

"shoe town." These factories furnish employment to a large number of people, and are doing much to build up the city in all directions. It is written "a city that is set upon a hill can not be hid," and that means that our capital city will be much in evidence in years to come.

Saturday afternoon in a running debate on Whittaker's bill to create a commission to grant state certificates to teachers a tilt occurred between Staples of Atchison and Tubbs of Gasconade. Tubbs was speaking to the bill when Staples undertook to interrogate him. Tubbs yielded a time or two and then declined to yield further, charging his tormentor with making a "nuisance" of himself. Staples finally subsided, but the bill was killed by being refused engrossment. Legislative tactics are a very necessary adjunct to the law-maker. Unless he can keep a cool head and guard his bill at every point it is liable to be sidetracked on a parliamentary point and go down to ignominious defeat. There is little disposition to engage in wordy combats, but now and then sharp passages occur that give the debaters a belligerent appearance.

Friday afternoon Speaker Atkinson went to St. Louis on business, first calling Oliver of Pemiscot to the chair. He is chairman of the judiciary committee, and presided with ease and dignity. One of the peculiar traits among members is the disposition to get "gay" with one who is temporarily presiding, but horse play did not go with Oliver. His head is red and his temper might be easier to arouse than some might imagine, and this served to hold in check the fools of the house who might feel like kicking up their heels.

Three bills have been signed by the governor and become laws as the net result of our labors to date, but there are many bills in every stage of development, and the next two weeks will see many of them in the hands of the chief executive. The house shows a disposition to tote fair with the senate, and if the latter comes half way, no friction will occur in passing each other's bills. If takes about three times as long to get a bill through the house as it does through the senate, and this makes it possible for that body to clear its calendar with little effort, while work in the house is both slow and tedious. The average voter would be astounded to know how many "time-killers" there are in both bodies, men who always vote for adjournment, and make the time as long as possible. It is not always the city dude that has adjournitis in a chronic form, but certain kid-gloved farmers are also troubled with it, and help the city brother to go home every Friday and remain until Monday. Those who would be glad to put in six days each week can not do so when the adjourners leave, as they either break a quorum or tie up the hands of the workers by a resolution so that no bills can be passed in their absence. Be it said to the credit of the farmers, the real farmers, as a rule they favor staying here and transacting the business and then adjourning, but all their brothers are not built that way.

JOHNSON.

Groceries of all kinds at R. J. Halley's.

BLOODY TRAGEDY NEAR SALISBURY.

Wesley Pitts Shoots His Rival and His Sweetheart. Would-be Murderer Suicides.

A bloody tragedy occurred at the residence of John Bentley, col., three miles east of Salisbury, where a party took place Saturday night. Among the attendants were Earnest Holly, aged 18, and Alberta Hall, aged 16. Holly and Westly Pitts, aged 22, were rivals for the Hall girl's heart and hand, and she seemed to look with most favor on Holly's suit. When Pitts learned that the couple was going to Bentley's to a party he went to the house of Sam Wellington, col., and borrowed a shotgun under the pretense of wanting to use it to kill "something like a bear" which, he claimed, accosted him a few nights before, but after securing the gun he went to Bentley's about 10:15 Saturday night and fired two shots through a window, one striking Ernest Holly on the left side of the neck and head and putting out the left eye. The other shot took effect in the back of Alberta Hall's neck and it is believed that she cannot recover.

Constable John M. Foley of Salisbury notified Sheriff Shaughnessy Sunday morning, and Mr. Shaughnessy left immediately to assist in hunting down the attempted assassin, who had left for parts unknown, but the sheriff returned, on account of the illness of his wife, and left Constable Foley, who is also deputy sheriff, to follow such clues as had been obtained. These clues were followed with commendable tenacity, and Mr. Foley finally found the dead body of Pitts, at the home of Pitts' uncle, John Payne, col., 1 1/2 miles southeast of Roanoke, where he had committed suicide Monday night by blowing the whole top of his head off with a shotgun he found in a corner of the room. Pitts told his uncle and family of his having shot Holly and the Hall girl, and would not let his uncle's folks light a lamp as he was afraid it would lead to his capture. It was in the darkness that he found the gun and took his own life. An inquest was held on Pitts' body by the coroner of Howard county, and a verdict was returned that deceased came to his death by his own hands.

The best point in a sermon is that which pierces your self-satisfaction.

Notice to Tax-Payers

—OF—
CHARITON COUNTY!

I am required by law to make my final settlement by the first Monday in March, and notice is hereby given to all parties that have not paid their taxes that I will immediately proceed to collect the same by seizure and sale as required by law. If you have not paid your taxes, THIS MEANS YOU, so proceed to do so at once.

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New Suits.

The following new suits for the May, 1907, term of circuit court at Keytesville have been filed with Circuit Clerk W. L. Wright during the past week:

CIVIL CASES.

Wm. McKee vs. Jas. Cushing, et al, suit to quiet title. U. A. House of Sumner and O. F. Libby of Laclede are the attorneys for plaintiffs.

J. C. Barnett vs. W. B. Young et al, suit to quiet title. U. A. House and O. F. Libby are of counsel for plaintiff.

Jay Bryant vs. Edna Bryant, divorce. Plaintiff states in his petition that he was lawfully married to defendant in Labette county, Kas., 1—day of August, 1901, and that they continued to live together until the —day of December, 1902, when defendant abandoned plaintiff without just cause or provocation. Plaintiff says that he is now a resident of Chariton county, Mo., and has been for more than a year before the filing of his petition for divorce, and that his wife lives in Cherokee county, Kas. U. A. House of Sumner brought the suit for Mr. Bryant.

An appeal case of J. O. Rice of Salisbury against J. A. Clark and wife of near Bynumville has been filed for the May, 1907, term of circuit court at Keytesville. Mr. Rice sued Mr. and Mrs. Clark to recover an attorney's fee for \$82 for professional services rendered Clark in several cases against him for the illegal sale of liquor some time last summer. The suit for \$82 was first brought in Justice G. T. Lunday's court in Bee Branch township, but the Clarks took a change of venue to Justice M. J. Laine's court in the same township where the cause was tried by a jury December 24, 1906, and a verdict returned for defendants. Plaintiff thereupon appealed to the circuit court. H. J. West is Mr. Rice's attorney.

The announcements of H. A. Wheeler and Wm. P. Jared for justices of the peace and members of the township board will be found in this issue of the COURIER. These gentlemen have held the offices named so long that they are regarded as fixtures, the people of this township esteem them as "good and faithful servants."

E. E. Stoner of near Indian Grove passed through Keytesville Friday with a fine 3-year-old black, big-boned jack he bought of R. H. Smith of near Madison, Monroe county.